

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the ayes are 57, the nays are 41. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I enter a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to waive the budget act for the consideration of the Murkowski amendment was defeated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is entered for future consideration. However, the motion having failed to be approved at this time, the Chair will rule on the motion—on the point of order. The rights of Senators are reserved to move in the future to proceed to the motion to reconsider.

The Chair will rule at this time that the amendment is not germane. The point of order is sustained. The amendment falls at this time.

### RECESS

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess until 2 p.m. today.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1:13 p.m. recessed until 2:01 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer [Mr. THOMAS].

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The Senate continued with the consideration of the concurrent resolution.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 4016

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The pending question is the Simpson-Kerrey amendment No. 4016.

Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, how much time do I have to speak on this?

Mr. GRASSLEY. Thirty seconds.

Mr. KERREY. Thirty seconds.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska. Take it all.

Mr. KERREY. I do not expect to persuade a majority, Mr. President. This is an amendment that will have a tremendous impact on the future budget outlays and appropriations of this Congress. As everybody that has examined the facts knows, unless we make changes in these long-term entitlement programs, we are simply never either going to get into balance in 7 years, nor are we going to be able to sustain it out in the future. We are converting our Government into an ATM machine. The longer we wait, the sooner the day is going to arrive when there is no

money for defense, no money for anything other than transfer of payments.

As I said, I do not expect a majority to vote for a majority of these proposals in here, but I urge my colleagues to give very careful consideration to this amendment.

Mr. GRASSLEY addressed the Chair. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I oppose the Kerrey amendment. I do this because it states the sense of the Senate that the budget resolution assumes a series of long-term entitlement reforms, including reducing the CPI by one-half a percentage point each year, which would cut Social Security spending by about \$38 billion over the next 6 years, and it would increase taxes by about \$35 billion over that period.

The amendment also calls for increasing the retirement age for civilian and military retirees and Social Security and Medicare beneficiaries, COLA limits for very high civilian and military pensions, and partial privatization of Social Security.

On behalf of Senator DOMENICI, the chairman of the Budget Committee, I move to table the Kerrey amendment and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to table the amendment. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. LOTT. I announce that the Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE] is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber who desire to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 63, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 149 Leg.]

#### YEAS—63

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| Abraham   | Feingold   | Mack          |
| Akaka     | Ford       | McCain        |
| Ashcroft  | Glenn      | McConnell     |
| Baucus    | Gorton     | Mikulski      |
| Biden     | Graham     | Moseley-Braun |
| Bingaman  | Gramm      | Murkowski     |
| Bond      | Grassley   | Murray        |
| Boxer     | Harkin     | Pressler      |
| Burns     | Hatch      | Reid          |
| Byrd      | Heflin     | Rockefeller   |
| Campbell  | Helms      | Roth          |
| Conrad    | Hutchison  | Sarbanes      |
| Coverdell | Inhofe     | Shelby        |
| Craig     | Inouye     | Smith         |
| D'Amato   | Kempthorne | Snowe         |
| Daschle   | Kennedy    | Specter       |
| Dodd      | Kerry      | Stevens       |
| Domenici  | Kyl        | Thurmond      |
| Dorgan    | Lautenberg | Warner        |
| Exon      | Leahy      | Wellstone     |
| Faircloth | Levin      | Wyden         |

#### NAYS—36

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| Bennett | DeWine    | Kerrey    |
| Bradley | Feinstein | Kohl      |
| Breaux  | Frist     | Lieberman |
| Brown   | Grams     | Lott      |
| Bryan   | Gregg     | Lugar     |
| Bumpers | Hatfield  | Moynihan  |
| Chafee  | Hollings  | Nickles   |
| Coats   | Jeffords  | Nunn      |
| Cochran | Johnston  | Pell      |
| Cohen   | Kassebaum | Pryor     |

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| Robb     | Simon   | Thomas   |
| Santorum | Simpson | Thompson |

NOT VOTING—1

Dole

The motion to lay on the table the amendment (No. 4016) was agreed to.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. DOMENICI. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The pending question is now amendment No. 4018.

Mr. EXON. Before we start charging time, could we have a little order here for the information of all the Senators?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Order in the Senate. The Senator may proceed.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I say to the chairman of the committee, according to our scoresheet we have seven amendments left that have been preagreed to for consideration and votes. Then there are some others that are still outstanding that we still have on the list. Of the seven that are still outstanding, waiting for a vote, and since we are cramped for time—I know there are three sense-of-the-Senate resolutions, one by Senator MCCAIN, one by Senator FAIRCLOTH, another one by Senator ROTH, all sense-of-the-Senate resolutions—and since all of those Senators voted against considering sense-of-the-Senate resolutions, I am wondering if they would like to, in good faith, withdraw their sense-of-the-Senate resolutions so that we can accomplish what they would like to do in addition to that.

Mr. MCCAIN. Since when is consistency a requirement?

Mr. EXON. Senators who have a sense of the Senate outstanding, they, too, want an expedited procedure. I say this is a good time to do that.

Mr. DOMENICI. We will make a trade with the Senator. We will reconsider this if you help us and vote for the reconsideration. In the future there will be no more—

Mr. FORD. No.

Mr. EXON. In the future? I would like to have done it now.

Mr. DOMENICI. That is what it was.

Mr. EXON. If we are going to consider sense-of-the-Senate resolutions, there are seven amendments that we know about, and three of those are sense-of-the-Senate resolutions.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 4018

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, could we have order? This is an amendment that has been worked on very hard by a lot of people. They deserve to be heard.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Could we have order so we can move forward? This is the amendment, the Chafee-Breaux amendment, and with 5 minutes of debate equally divided.

Mr. DOMENICI. A 10-minute vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Ten-minute vote.

Mr. CHAFEE. I ask that everybody please give their attention to the proposal we are making.